

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A method as defined in claim [[1]] 12 wherein statistical information of the digital image signals is calculated, and the predetermined image processing conditions are determined in accordance with said statistical information.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method as defined in claim [[1]] 12 wherein the different [[kinds]] models of digital cameras are displayed.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method as defined in claim [[1]] 12 wherein the camera [[kind]] model information is appended to the digital image signals.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method as defined in claim [[1]] 12 wherein the camera [[kind]] model information is inputted manually.

Claims 6 and 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An apparatus as defined in claim [[6]] 13 wherein said image processing [[means]] portion is provided with statistical information calculating [[means]] portion for calculating statistical information of the digital image signals, and determination [[means]] portion for determining the predetermined image processing conditions in accordance with said statistical information.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An apparatus as defined in claim [[6]] 13 wherein the image processing apparatus further comprises displaying [[means]] portion for displaying the different [[kinds]] models of digital cameras.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An apparatus as defined in claim [[6]] 13 wherein the camera [[kind]] model information is appended to the digital image signals.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An apparatus as defined in claim [[6]] 13 wherein said input [[means]] portion manually inputs the camera [[kind]] model information.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An image processing method for carrying out image processing on digital ~~images~~ image signals that have been acquired by a particular model of a plurality of different models among [[the]] a plurality of different manufacturers of color digital cameras, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the digital ~~images~~ image signals;

receiving camera model information which represents at least one of color and contrast response characteristics of the particular model of color digital camera used to acquire the digital ~~images~~ image signals;

selecting optimum image processing conditions from a plurality of stored image processing conditions in accordance with the camera model information, wherein each of the stored image processing conditions corresponds to respective different ones of the plurality of models among of the plurality of different manufacturers of color digital cameras and the at least one of color and contrast response characteristics thereof; and

carrying out color image printing of the digital image signals using the selected optimum image processing conditions.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An image processing apparatus for carrying out image processing on digital ~~images~~ image signals that have been acquired by a particular model of a plurality of different models among [[the]] a plurality of different manufacturers of color digital cameras, the apparatus comprising:

input portion to receive the digital ~~images~~ image signals;

receiving portion to receive camera model information which represents at least one of color and contrast response characteristics of the particular model of color digital camera used to acquire the digital ~~images~~ image signals;

selecting portion to select optimum image processing conditions from a plurality of stored image processing conditions in accordance with the camera model information, wherein each of

the stored image processing conditions corresponds to respective different ones of the plurality of models among of the plurality of different manufacturers of color digital cameras and the at least one of color and contrast response characteristics thereof, and

image processing portion to carry out color image printing of the digital image signals using the selected optimum image processing conditions.